

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A lubrication distribution apparatus for use in a system having a rotating shaft member with an axial passage extending therethrough, the lubrication distribution apparatus comprising:

a first housing;

a second housing;

bearing means rotatably supporting said rotating shaft in said first and second housings;

a first pocket formed in said first housing and a second pocket formed in said second housing;

a first dam member secured in said first pocket;

a second dam member secured in said second pocket; and

a hollow lubrication oil transfer tube extending through the axial passage, sealingly secured between and supported by said first and second dam members ~~dams~~ and ~~passing through a centrally disposed axial passage formed in said shaft.~~

2. (currently amended) The lubrication distribution apparatus defined in Claim 1 further ~~wherein: at least one of said bearing means~~ wherein at least one of said first dam member and said second dam member has formed therein restricted flow passages for permitting lubrication fluid to flow from said pocket ~~adjacent said dam~~ toward said rotating shaft member.

3. (currently amended) The lubrication distribution apparatus defined in Claim 1 further ~~wherein~~: wherein each of said dam members has at least one restricted flow passage communicating fluid from each respective pocket toward said rotating shaft member.

4. (new) A lubrication distribution apparatus for use in a system having a rotating shaft member comprising:

- a first housing;
- a second housing;
- bearing means rotatably supporting said rotating shaft in said first and second housings;
- a first pocket formed in said first housing and a second pocket formed in said second housing;
- a first dam member secured in said first pocket;
- a second dam member secured in said second pocket, wherein at least one of said first dam member and said second dam member has formed therein a plurality of restricted flow passages for permitting lubrication fluid to flow from said pocket toward said rotating shaft member; and
- a lubrication oil transfer tube secured between said first and second dams and passing through a centrally disposed axial passage formed in said shaft.

5. (new) A lubrication distribution apparatus for use in a system having a rotating shaft member comprising:

- a first housing;
- a second housing;
- bearing means rotatably supporting said rotating shaft in said first and second housings;
- a first pocket formed in said first housing and a second pocket formed in said second housing;
- a first dam member secured in said first pocket;

a second dam member secured in said second pocket, wherein each of said dam members has at least one restricted flow passage communicating fluid from each respective pocket toward said rotating shaft member; and

a lubrication oil transfer tube secured between said first and second dams and passing through a centrally disposed axial passage formed in said shaft.